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## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS Grantees: 2015 – 2016** FUNDED IN PART BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

### **PROGRAM GRANTS**

#### **AIM for Excellence**

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*Civic Works, Inc. will have 89 AmeriCorps members who will serve in our AIM For Excellence program, mentoring and tutoring a combined number of 3,200 Baltimore City and County students and providing college preparedness skills. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 98% of high school seniors graduating and 95% of AVID and students getting accepted into college. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 30 volunteers to volunteer at participating schools. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity and Education.*

(Baltimore City, Baltimore County)

#### **AmeriCorps Langley Park**

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*Latin American Youth Center's Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (LAYC) will have 18 AmeriCorps members who provide academic assistance as part of academic year and summer programming to students attending Buck Lodge Middle School in Langley Park, MD. At the end of the 1st year, the Langley Park (LP) AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing academic services to 75 students in the 6th through 8th grades in the in-school, after-school, or summer programs. 75% students will complete at least 24 hours annually of academic assistance, and 25% students who complete the required dosage will increase their level of academic achievement in Literacy and/or Math as shown on standardized tests. In addition, members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers that will be engaged in six community service projects. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.*

(Prince George's County)

## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

### **ASTAR! In Western Maryland**

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*The Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources (A STAR!) in Western Maryland (ASTAR), program will have 195 AmeriCorps members who will engage students in education, increase resources to those in need and manage volunteers in Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Frederick Counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing academic engagement in 450 students, provide interpreting/translation services, healthcare resources, food and shelter services to 1,000 individuals. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers that will be engaged in episodic and ongoing community volunteer opportunities. This program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Education, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building.*

(Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, Washington County)

### **Civic Works – Service Corps**

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*Civic Works' Service Corps will engage 128 AmeriCorps members each year, who will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers each year, to educate students, make housing more affordable, and help low-income communities access and learn about healthy food in Baltimore City. At the end of three years, 105 AmeriCorps members (35 per year) will complete a college course within one year of service; 975 students will show academic improvement; 1,500 houses will be made more affordable for low-income families; and 1,200 children will receive nutrition education. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures.*

(Baltimore City)

### **Community Art Collaborative**

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*Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) is applying for a three-year competitive grant to operate the Community Art Collaborative, formerly known as Community Art Corps (CAC). CAC places talented community artists with nonprofit organizations offering arts-based programming. From September 2013 to August 2016, 42 AmeriCorps members (14 annual) will increase Baltimore City student academic engagement through out-of-school time programs. CAC members will also leverage 250 volunteers, facilitate community-wide projects and lead service-learning opportunities for people of all ages. CAC member artists will explore their own personal commitment to a life of service, while developing the personal and professional skills that will lead to success. CAC will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.*

(Baltimore City)

## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

### **Community Mediation Corps**

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*Community Mediation Maryland (CMM) will place 22 AmeriCorps members who will enhance partnerships between community mediation centers and schools, correctional facilities, and veteran's organizations. AmeriCorps members will conduct case management, mediation, and conflict management training and increase access to mediation in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Somerset, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, and Baltimore City. In the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for higher attendance rates, lower disciplinary referrals, affordable housing made available to low income individuals, and increased mediation services to veterans and military family members. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 208 volunteer community mediators. This program will address the CNCS focus areas of Education, Economic Development, and Veterans and Military Families.*

(State-wide)

### **Elev8 Baltimore**

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*Elev8 Baltimore will have 20 AmeriCorps members (ACM) assigned to provide educational support to 150 students in grades 5-8 who attend three schools in East Baltimore: Collington Square School (Collington Square), Dr. Rayner Brown Elementary/Middle School (Rayner Brown) and Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School (Commodore John Rodgers). The program will take place on the campuses of Collington Square and Commodore John Rodgers from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. Students from Rayner Brown will travel to Collington Square or Commodore John Rodgers for programming. By the end of year one, the Elev8 Baltimore AmeriCorps program will show that 150 students enroll in after school and/or summer programming, annually; 113 students complete the program by attending 111 of 140 days of after school and summer programming combined; 113 students will respond positively to survey questions about liking school, connecting school to their future, the value of school and their ability to do well in school; 113 students will have high or increased attendance as indicated by an attendance rate of 90% or higher; 107 students will have no or decreased disciplinary referrals and suspensions; and 98 of students will demonstrate proficient or improved academic performance in literacy and/or math. This program will address the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) focus area of Education.*

(Baltimore City)

# **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

## **Experience Corps – Baltimore City**

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*AARP Foundation proposes to have 37 AmeriCorps members who will tutor kindergarten-3rd grade students in eight Baltimore City Title I schools, with more than 80% of students living in poverty and eligible to receive free-lunch. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving student achievement in literacy as demonstrated by a standardized test data provided by the local school system. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 10 volunteers who will be engaged in providing literacy tutoring and mentoring to students in prekindergarten-3rd grade where AmeriCorps members are not assigned and an additional eight leveraged volunteers who will serve as program site coordinators at each school service site. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. (Baltimore City)*

## **Maryland Conservation Corps**

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*In the Maryland Conservation Corps (MCC), 35 AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers. At the end of each one-year period of service, they will have improved 1,000 acres of public lands in Maryland state parks and other public lands, and improved or created 125 linear miles of trail. Members of this youth corps will work in crews based in 7 Maryland State Parks, geographically located to best address pressing needs. This project will focus on the CNCS Focus Area of Environmental Stewardship. (State-wide)*

## **Maryland Reading Corps**

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*The Literacy Lab proposes to have 10 AmeriCorps members who will provide low-income pre-Kindergarten children with daily, targeted early literacy intervention through the Maryland Reading Corps Program in Head Start classrooms in Baltimore, MD. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the school readiness of 119 pre-Kindergarten children. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers who will be engaged in activities to promote children's literacy. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. (Baltimore City)*

## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

### **New Americans Initiative for Maryland**

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*CASA de Maryland's AmeriCorps team will consist of 16 AmeriCorps members, equivalent to 13 MSYs (ten full-time and six part-time members), who will deliver financial literacy training and assistance as a part of its citizenship navigation services in Prince George's, Montgomery, and Frederick Counties as well as Baltimore City. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for enhancing the economic opportunity (i.e. earning potential and financial literacy) of Marylanders and providing a path out of poverty through financial education and services while delivering naturalization navigation support for 800 low-income Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs). This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity.*  
(Baltimore City; Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's county)

### **Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore (PALS)**

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*ShoreCorps/PALS (PALS) will have 20 AmeriCorps members who will increase the capacity of their partner sites in agencies on the Eastern Shore. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the lives of 1,600 underserved youth and seniors. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 800 volunteers that will be engaged in serving the underserved populations. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Capacity Building.*  
(Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester County)

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*Playworks Maryland AmeriCorps program will have 13 AmeriCorps members who will provide a school-wide evidence-based program designed to utilize play to create supportive environments with reduced bullying where all students feel safe, supported and fully engaged in school in low-income schools in Maryland. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for positively impacting the entire school environment and, thereby, creating a safe space for students to increase their overall academic engagement. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 78 volunteers that will be engaged in assisting with components of the Playworks AmeriCorps program as well as projects and events. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.*  
(Baltimore City, Baltimore County)



## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

### **Project CHANGE**

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*Ten Full time AmeriCorps members will conduct social and academic programming with students in seven community-based nonprofit organizations. At the end of the 3-year grant period, approximately 30 AmeriCorps Project CHANGE (Communities Helping America's Neighborhoods Grow and Excel) members will have powerful service experiences that will have significant impact on the children and teens in the community while gaining invaluable job training, personal development, and leadership skills. During the same period, approximately 1,200 children and teens will experience increased academic engagement as a result of their participation in programs focused on the arts, team building, academic tutoring, recreation and civic engagement which are supported by these members. This project will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.*

(Montgomery County)

### **Reading Partners Maryland**

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*Reading Partners 10 AmeriCorps members will support proven literacy intervention program in 5 Title I elementary schools in Baltimore, Maryland. Support at this level will enable 10 full-time Reading Partners ACMs to recruit and manage 250 community volunteers to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring to at least 275 struggling readers in grades K-5 twice a week during the September 2013 - August 2015 program year. 60% of students who complete the program will achieve grade appropriate literacy growth: K-2nd graders achieve appropriate skill set mastery and 3rd-4th graders will gain at least 1 month of skills for every month enrolled in the program, narrowing their grade equivalency gap. This project will support the Education Focus Area for CNCS.*

(Baltimore City)

### **Teach For America -- Maryland**

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*Teach For America --Maryland (TFA-MD) will have 355 AmeriCorps members who will teach for two years in 115 schools, serving low-income students across the state. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for significantly improving educational outcomes for more than 22,000 students and begin their long-term impact on expanding educational opportunity for low-income students. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 650 volunteers to support students and classrooms. This program focuses on the CNCS focus area of education.*

(Baltimore City; Baltimore, Prince George's County)

## **MARYLAND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS: 2015 – 2016**

### **Volunteer Maryland**

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*96 AmeriCorps members (ACMs) will be placed at up to 90 Service Sites across Maryland to develop or improve direct service volunteer programs. Leveraging at least 9,720 volunteers, these ACMs will enable Service Sites to provide more services, improve the effectiveness of their volunteer programs, and increase organizational capacity to manage volunteers. At the end of the 3-year grant period, volunteers will have served 97,200 hours, and at least 66 Service Sites will have implemented effective volunteer management practices and will report that ACM activities have helped make the Service Site more efficient. A capacity-building program, Volunteer Maryland will place ACMs at Service Sites focusing on the CNCS focus areas of economic opportunity, education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, disaster services, and veterans and military families.*

(State-wide)

### **PLANNING GRANTS**

#### **SEEDCO**

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*Seedco designs and implements innovative programs, partnerships and services to foster vibrant economic development through three areas: workforce development, work and family supports, and technical assistance for small businesses and nonprofits. Seedco aims to explore the feasibility of developing an AmeriCorps program in Maryland which will integrate Seedco's current Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment, health and financial literacy initiatives into a cohesive program serving Marylanders with low levels of health and financial literacy. This program focuses on the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures and Economic Opportunities.*

(Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County)